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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

Section 1. (a) There is created a committee to be known as the Advisory Committee on the General Assembly.

(b)(1) On or before January 1, 1998, the committee shall make recommendations to the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives as to their understanding of legislative duties and responsibilities and what the committee recommends as appropriate compensation, office and home office expense allowance, individual expense allowance, travel expense reimbursement, and pensions for members and officers of the general assembly. The committee shall also recommend an appropriate mechanism, if any, for future adjustments to such compensation, expense allowances and travel expense reimbursement. The committee shall also propose rules for allowable office, home office and individual allowance expenses and rules for travel reimbursement. In addition to considering the adequacy of the compensation, the committee shall make a determination whether the salaries shall be tied to increases received by state employees, to a cost-of-living factor or to any other index.

(2) As a part of the evaluation and recommendation process, the committee shall make comparisons of the compensation paid to legislators in other states, and the committee shall also make a comparative evaluation of the compensation provided to the governor and the constitutional officers.

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(c) The committee shall consist of eight (8) members, four (4) of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate and four (4) of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house. Each speaker shall appoint at least one (1) member from each grand division of the state. In making the appointments authorized herein, the speakers shall appoint citizens who have demonstrated integrity and are widely recognized as knowledgeable and successful in the areas of personnel management and compensation. Such appointees should have demonstrated leadership ability, broadly based knowledge, and significant business or professional ability. No member of the committee shall, during the duration of service on this committee, be a lobbyist, legislator, an elected municipal, county, or state official or an employee of state or local government, an employee of any association of governments or government officials, or an immediate family member of such persons or officials.

(d) The committee shall meet in Nashville at such times and places as it deems necessary.

(e) The committee shall elect one (1) member to serve as chair of the committee.

(f) The committee may establish such subcommittees as it deems necessary for the performance of its duties.

(g) Members of the committee shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for travel and other expenses actually incurred

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in the performance of their official duties. Such reimbursement shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

(h) The office of the comptroller of the treasury, the office of the state treasurer and the office of legislative administration shall provide staff and such other assistance as may be necessary for the committee to fulfill its duties.

(i) The committee shall cease to exist upon filing its recommendations with the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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